# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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HIGH POWER COMMITTEE ON THE ORGANISATION OF RAILWAY ZONES
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a High Power Committee (Railway Reforms Committee or any other Committe

(e) reported that a greater number of smaller zones are to be established for better efficiency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a demand to bifurcate Southern Railway to form a West Coast Zone with headquarter in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a) & (b): The Railway Reforms Committee and Advisors' Committee recommended creation of additional Zones based on the criteria of size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating / administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The proposal, when considered in the light of the above criteria has not been found feasible.